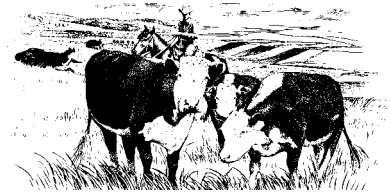


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 450 thousand head on January 1, 2001, the same as last month, but 8 percent above January 1, 2000. During December, placements of 62.0 thousand head were 7 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head were 11 percent above December 1999. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million, 5 percent below 1999 and 4 percent below 1998. December 2000 had two less slaughter days than December 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings. Other disappearance totaled 95.0 thousand during December, 6 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.8 million head on January 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above January 1, 2000 and 11 percent above January 1, 1999. The inventory included 7.02 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.70 million head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 3 percent above 1999 and 12 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.60 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 504 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 516 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 406 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 273 thousand.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed January 1, 2001, in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.1 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 12 percent above January 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.94 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.08 million head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.44 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 15 percent above 1998. Marketings during December totaled 1.50 million, 6 percent below 1999 and 4 percent below 1998. December 2000 had two less slaughter days than December 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings. Other disappearance during December was 77.0 thousand head, up 3 percent from 1999 and 12 percent above 1998.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

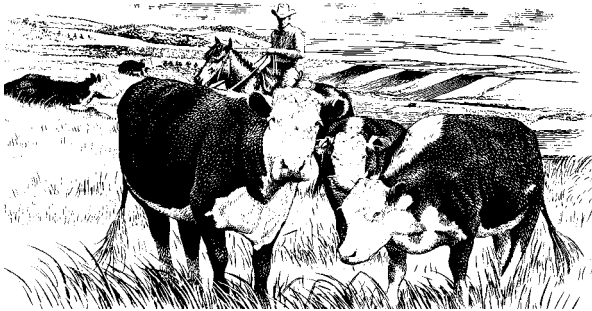
State	Number On Feed December 1 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	1999	2000	2000/1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	265	298	112	36	30	25	23
California	405	450	111	67	62	47	52
Colorado	1,220	1,230	101	160	170	190	180
Iowa	370	395	107	45	38	39	45
Kansas	2,400	2,460	103	400	420	480	460
Nebraska	2,380	2,410	101	340	340	400	340
Texas	2,980	2,970	100	360	380	420	400
Total Seven States	10,020	10,213	102	1,408	1,440	1,601	1,500
State	Other Disappearance During December 2/		Number On Feed January 1			2001/2000	
	1999	2000	2000	2001			
	1,000 Head						Percent
Arizona	4	4	272	301	111		
California	10	10	415	450	108		
Colorado	10	10	1,180	1,210	103		
Iowa	1	3	375	385	103		
Kansas	10	20	2,310	2,400	104		
Nebraska	20	10	2,300	2,400	104		
Texas	20	20	2,900	2,930	101		
Total Seven States	75	77	9,752	10,076	103		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### U.S. ALL CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle on feed in all United States feedlots totaled 11.8 million on January 1, 2001. This was up 3 percent from the 11.5 million on January 1, 2000.



### JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED IN TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	2000	2001	2001/2000
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	272	301	111
California	415	450	108
Colorado	1,180	1,210	103
Idaho	310	320	103
Iowa	375	385	103
Kansas	2,310	2,400	104
Nebraska	2,300	2,400	104
New Mexico	116	115	99
Oklahoma	430	410	95
South Dakota	194	202	104
Texas	2,900	2,930	101
Washington	228	250	110
Other States	445	425	96
U.S. TOTAL	11,475	11,798	103

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.71 billion pounds of milk in December 2000. This was 5 percent above November 2000, and 3 percent above December 1999.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,745 pounds, 75 pounds more than November 2000, but 30 pounds less than a year ago.

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California 1/						Total Milk Receipts 2/		United States 1/ 3/					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production				Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000			1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,444	1,492	1,690	1,815	2,440	2,708	2,437	2,706	7,694	7,765	1,518	1,578	11,679	12,256
Feb.	1,447	1,496	1,555	1,710	2,250	2,558	2,243	2,556	7,696	7,766	1,404	1,505	10,804	11,691
Mar.	1,452	1,550	1,795	1,815	2,606	2,723	2,600	2,736	7,713	7,774	1,585	1,631	12,228	12,679
Apr.	1,456	1,507	1,770	1,810	2,577	2,728	2,572	2,729	7,720	7,787	1,554	1,592	11,998	12,399
May	1,459	1,513	1,825	1,850	2,663	2,799	2,655	2,796	7,733	7,795	1,610	1,635	12,447	12,743
June	1,464	1,521	1,710	1,755	2,503	2,669	2,500	2,669	7,740	7,810	1,516	1,547	11,737	12,083
July	1,467	1,527	1,715	1,825	2,516	2,787	2,509	2,781	7,751	7,834	1,498	1,561	11,610	12,232
Aug.	1,472	1,533	1,770	1,750	2,605	2,683	2,598	2,679	7,755	7,840	1,487	1,526	11,534	11,966
Sept.	1,476	1,539	1,710	1,685	2,524	2,593	2,516	2,593	7,753	7,849	1,445	1,465	11,200	11,500
Oct.	1,480	1,544	1,760	1,735	2,605	2,679	2,602	2,679	7,746	7,850	1,491	1,511	11,549	11,859
Nov.	1,484	1,550	1,715	1,670	2,545	2,589	2,538	2,585	7,756	7,842	1,459	1,458	11,315	11,434
Dec.	1,488	1,554	1,775	1,745	2,641	2,712	2,639	---	7,757	7,838	1,538	1,522	11,928	11,932

1/ Milk production for 2000 is preliminary and will be revised.

2/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

3/ Twenty-state total.

### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 1999	November 2000	Dec. 15, 2000	December 1999	November 2000	Dec. 15, 2000
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	79.00	93.00	95.00	72.00	85.00	85.10
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	81.00	97.00	97.00	74.10	90.40	91.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	35.60	36.40	40.60
Cows 2/	Cwt.	34.00	35.00	34.00	35.10	36.60	36.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	67.00	73.00	75.00	70.80	73.80	76.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	87.50	95.00	92.00	98.60	106.00	106.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	33.50	31.50	---	33.40	33.60	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	77.00	70.00	---	77.60	71.50	---
Milk Cows 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	11.35	11.99	12.40	12.20	12.60	12.90

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October.